If I might have the use of $500 which under my Budgets goes as "Necessary increase for new work" it would be doing our fair share.

I shall insist that all money for missions shall go through our Treasurers & all reports through our Secretaries. And yet this is a kind of duplication of reports at least.

Quite frankly I believe it would be money well spent and would return in increased receipts from

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

June 4th 1922

My Dear Miss Dawson,

Yours of June 1st came in due time and I have gone over it very carefully with Mrs. Quick (Syn. Pres of N.Y.) who stopped on her way back from Des Moines.

Your statement is just what I gleaned from the reports my friends were good enough to send me.

Of course the fact that the

Women as an organization
seem to be "wiped off the face
of the Earth" is not new for we
have seen it coming yet I
am sorry it has come just
at this period of World unrest.

However as I don't have the
adjusting to do I will try to
find what good I can see
in the plan.

As to Miss Grove, She has
returned to Buffalo & tomorrow
morning I am to have her
meet the Secretaries of Young
Peoples' work except C. E. who
cannot be with us, bring a
School teacher.

As the matter stands now, She
is going into the Country Churches
to work among the young
people, under the direction
of a Com. of Presbytery. Being
an Associate member of this
Com. I may be allowed to
say something, but have no
vote. I have told that I cannot
give them any money unless
so directed by your Board.

Mrs. Charles J. North
51 Johnson Park
Buffalo, N. Y.

& if I cannot arrange for
Some things I cannot get away.
I am most anxious to go.
I hope then to see you.

However things are bound
to go on here & I see no way
except to co-operate with Presby-
-tery as best I can. I would
rather do voluntarily what I
may be obliged to do later.

Hoping your cold may be
better, & sorry you could not stop

Cordially
Dora B. North

the young people.

This is a large Presbytery
and I believe a field worker
would more than double
the receipts from every kind
of work. Our Volunteer Workers
cannot get to these Societies
more than once a year, as
all have Church interests at
home as well as families.
Miss Grove will give her entire
time to the work, going time

and again to visit the Societies. I really believe the experiment is worth trying, possibly on the basis of so much a month until March 31st or later.

A meeting of the Conn of Presbytery is to be held tomorrow noon. You see if I am to be swallowed, I mean to be disposed of gracefully.

I think if the Secretaries are disposed to co-operate with Miss Grove we will by some plan, leaving the money side open to your decision. I hope you will see your way clear to allowing me to use from $40 to $50 a month from funds for advance work

I have not heard from Miss Petrie. This is too big a question, involving a change of policy to carry to any one except the Leads.

I am hoping to be at the Stony Brook Conference. It is a week I must break engagements for every day to be away

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MISS KATHERINE R. WILLIAMS, OLDHOME, HOWE, INDIANA, DATED June 11, 1922.

" I am venturing to write you about the consolidation of our church Boards effected at Gen'l. Assembly and the absorption of the Women's Boards. Why has no word of this possible change been given in our Home Mission Monthly? Why should the women of the church who are the loyal faithful supporters of our Woman's Work have this taken from our hands, and given to management of men who can't begin to do it well? I note that fifteen women are to be placed on the Foreign Missions Board but learn nothing of the fate of Mrs. Bennett, Miss Dawson, yourself and the others - who have showed such efficiency, devotion and enthusiasm in the Christianizing of America. What is to become of the Synodical and Presbyterial Machinery of the Women's Societies? No men can match the unselfish unpaid work of these organizations.

Do send from Home Mission Headquarters some light on this high handed transaction."

(see reply in Treasury file dated June 17, 1922)

re Lenox

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June 18th 1922

My dear Miss Dawson,

The Literature issued by the "Boards" is all right and right to the point, but—

Well it is just the thing to say to the Churches especially the Country Churches, but the thinking women are holding their tongues & waiting.

I happen to be situated just to get recruits. Today she speaks at Gowanda, Dunkirk & Fredonia. I feel it is worth while to be in on the job first thing & I know the need is great.

Will you look over my proposition & see if I may be allowed $50. a month until the End of the year or till Gen Assembly or whenever you say, out of the Funds known in my budget for "Advance Work". Miss Petrie has not written me. I am sorry to ask for some answer now but you will understand the pressure here is great.

Cordially Dora B. North.

where Presbytery is beginning to Crowd for the work" already in hand. It will probably mean quite a Change in our Work, which I will write you later.

The Opening seems to be for us to at once begin to do Some of our Work in Co-operation with Presbytery If you will look on the long letter I wrote you just before Genl Assembly you will see that it is the work among the young people of the Country Districts. While that is distinctively the work of the Women I feel it is not quite fair to let the Men's Board usurp it without giving us a Share. Miss Grier is already on the field & is not only making plans for her Summer Camp at Allegany Park but is going among the Churches

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My dear Miss Sheibley -

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I had such a good time at the assembly and it meant much to an eight months old Synodical President

Sincerely yours
Nellie L. Lester

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Extract from a letter from Mrs. E. E. Lester, President of Ohio Synodical Society under date of June 22, 1922

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Detroit. June, 22nd 1922.

My dear Miss Dawson,-

Your letter in regard to the way in which the quota for Michigan for School & Hospital Supplies was duly considered at an Board meeting on Wednesday June 20th. We feel as we always have felt that in order that we may have a unified method of doing the work and sending it on, it is much better for the Synodical Secretary Mrs. C. H. Green to send down to the Presbyterial Secretary the quota for her to distribute to the local Secretary, and in turn have the local secretary forward the package to the Presbyterial Secretary and she send it on to San Juan Hospital direct.

This method is used by the Foreign Board, only these they all go to a center before going to the field.

Another thing the Hospital cannot be expected to acknowledge each local shipment, when it could care for eight or ten centers.

This is our thought in regard to it, and the Presbyterial Secretary can report to the Synodical Secretary.

The local society understands that all this expense is over and above our regular apportionments, freight and parcel post.

The enclosed letter will show the attitude of our Synodical Secretary, but I do know that at all of the Presbyterial Meetings I heard a letter of real appreciation read from Miss Ordway. Just how it came to them I do not know.

The Foreign Board sends the letters to all of the local societies, but whether it comes through the Presbyterial I cannot say, but they do receive them.

Ashville Farm School never acknowledged one package the year before last, they thought I meant one package from the State, they were sent from the local direct.

This plan is not at all satisfactory.

Will you please send me a copy of supplies you send to Mrs. Green. so that I may know what she is asking for. She has been in Portland all Winter, and her mail has been very irregular.

We had an interesting meeting on Wednesday, but were disappointed at not hearing from Miss Shirley as to whether we can have Mrs. D. E. Ward with us at Petoskey. Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1922. Am writing Miss Shirley today.

We are finding that many of the societies in most of the Presbyterials have not been able to pledge all of their

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appointments, we are trying very hard to have them realize that times and conditions are improving, and that we hope to meet all that we are expected to meet before March. 10th 1923.

Since Sunday's meeting I have it on my mind to stress the Stewardship of responsibility and concentration of effort, and will write a letter to each local society stressing this very thing and emphasizing the goal-ends.

I attended the meeting of Detroit Presbytery, the men are queer sometimes and have great ideas, if they would only work them out. (Perhaps we can help them).

We have Dr. John Timothy Stone here for Sunday night and he will give us all a good address I am sure. He comes as the speaker for the Annual Meeting of Council of Churches of which Dr. Vance is Chairman a President, and I am one of two women on the Council.

I expect Dr. Stone will meet our Presbyterian people

while he is here.

You know that all of our Presbyterial Societies were No. that they did not wish at the present time to meet with Synod. I know that the men wanted us very much indeed with them, and when the chairman announced at Presbytery that the committee desired to bring the Westminster Church Choir of Dayton, Ohio, at the cost of $15.00. I nearly gasped and waited to hear a very faint vote of approval to acquiesce in the wish of the committee. They will have to rent Orchestra Hall to give the concert and that is added expense, and the entertainment of the 400 delegates they hope to have for six or seven days. We women realize how very eager they are to have us meet with them. They hope to have Dr. Speer and Dr. John Mott and other fine speakers. But we were not ready to meet with them, we can attend the Presbyterian meetings and do our share as Detroit women should at any time to entertain the Synod of Mich. and will do it well. When the time comes and it is the wish of the Boards that we meet together, we will do it then very graciously but not likely before that time comes.

The joint letter from you and Mrs. Rogo and the splendid leaflet of Mrs. Bennetts are most timely and right to the point. I have used over 300 of my 100 now and very likely will need more. I think the

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young people and Guilds need them too.
Some of the men thought - April 1st would find all in readiness.

The commissioner who reported on Mrs. Bennetts address before the Assembly, stated it was the best thing there, it was so clear cut and to the point, all could understand her. I was so glad to hear that. Are the printed reports ready, if so will you send me two of them at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

Our meetings were held at Des Moines. Ia. and were so helpful.

I am hoping to have one whole session and part of another for conference at our Synodical Meeting this year. We think people understand and they do not seem to remember, our Board feels that Presbyterial Offices need it as a training school and we are trying to arange for it. The church is small

but we need to get up in that part of the State and give them the benefit of the meetings and help them. Another thing I would like to have would be that the Knights hold a meeting in Grand Rapids, and perhaps Jackson and then I start in the way home I know it would take almost one week, in fact it would, but we will have to do some special work to keep up the interest and secure larger gifts, in order to meet appointments.//

And then we should have two or three District meetings, perhaps at Saginaw, Flint, Kalamazoo, and send out an Officer to those places and have a conference in the morning, and a Popular meeting later in the day. What do you think? I expect you like the others will say, Mrs. Mitchell does not want much.

Lots of love to you, as ever,

Yours lovingly

(Mrs. J. K.) Agnes M. Mitchell.

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Saginaw, June 18", 1922

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:-

Mrs. Moulthrop wrote asking for suggestions, if I had any, for the officers conference.

I can only ask that the women be urged to take up the Hospital & School Supply work early enough in the year, and plan to finance it, so it won't come out at the close of the year unprovided for.

It seems impossible to get any word from the San Juan Hospital. I wrote them in the Winter asking for a letter for our various Presbyterials. Then a few

weeks ago I wrote Miss Sheibley for a plan of work for our societies for this year but have heard nothing from her.

Mrs. Silvertorn and Miss Schultz keep in so much closer touch with the field and the home workers. This is my observation. Perhaps it is not correct.

I hope you are planning to have a restful Summer before taking up your arduous work in the Fall.

How you must miss Mr. Cotton with her wise counsel and cheerful optimistic vision. I do hope she will plan to come back to Michigan - I think we need her -

Cordially yours
Jessie A. Green

(Mrs. C. H.)

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Detroit, June 22 '22

My Dear Miss Dawson:

Your letter and enclosed leaflet received. At a meeting June 20 of our Board, Mrs Mitchell said she has already written to the Presbyterial Presidents, assuring them of no cause for any worry, and to go right on. We have our Plans practically finished for our Annual meeting in Hookey in October. I am going to the Young People's Conference at Saginaw as delegate Chaperone, July 10th. We are all hoping and praying for a readjustment and fruitful co-operation for the Boards, that the work may be carried on without hindrance.

Cordially Yours
Mrs. M. C. Mary J. Moulthrop Rec Sec

July 1, 1922.

Mrs. Charles J. North
51 Johnson Park
Buffalo, New York

My dear Mrs. North:

I was distressed that you did not get to Stony Brook for I had counted upon seeing you there and talk over what we could do in regard to Miss Grove. You speak of taking $500. from "Necessary increase for new work". Is that inside the budget or is it outside? If it is inside of your presbytorial apportionment for our Woman's Board of Home Missions it would mean taking it directly from the mission field. If Miss Grove is to work up the young people in the Presbyterian Churches and develop their interest in missions it would seem to me that the Woman's Board of Home Missions would be under no more obligation to carry it than the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Are you asking the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to cooperate in the same way for I know you feel as I do that we do not desire to interest our young people in Home Missions only but in world-wide missions? I should be very glad to have you answer my letter directing me at Catonsville, Maryland, for I am leaving the office this afternoon to go home for my vacation period but I am anxious to get this matter cleared as I know you are.

The Stony Brook Conference was really excellent. Again I am sorry you missed it for we missed you.

Faithfully yours,

d:mk

General Secretary.

Miss Grove

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July3,1922.

Miss Lucy H.Dawson,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York,N.Y.

My dear Miss Dawson,

We were very glad for the letter of information which you sent us covering the action of General Assembley.in regard to the reorganization of the chruch and Women's Boards.

We are glad that we shall have a whole year to get ready for this change, and I am sure that the women will be loyal to the new regime,and that the work will go right on and prosper,perhaps in a larger way,lets us hope so,at least.

I sincerely hope that this may be our very best year in the history of missionary work,Since it is the last year under the Women's Boards ,I shall be glad to further any plans or suggestion advised by our Board.

I have appreciated also the account of the Young Women's Conference.Will we be expected to have the separate conferences this fall?I am now beginning work on our Synodical Program.

Would it be possible to have one of the young secretaries of the Young People's work to assist us at synodical,if we attempt a young women's synodical meeting,either independently or in connection with our meeting?

Mrs. Marcell

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF
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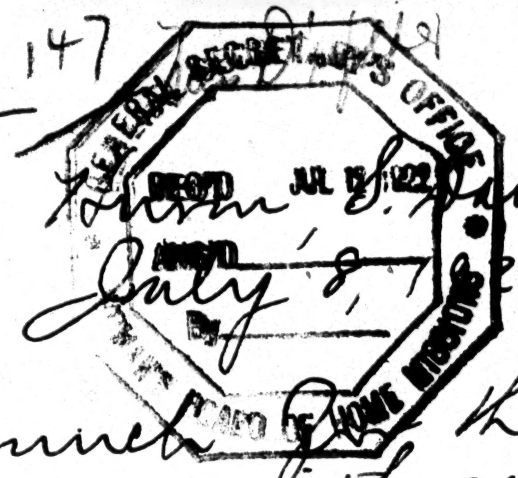

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BY
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Huron, S. Dak.
July 8, 1922.

My dear Miss Dawson:

I thank you so much for the joint letter and the inclosures with reference to the Merging of the Boards. In view of the strong sane advice of our beloved Mrs. Bennett I shall not say how I, personally, have felt about that piece of work but shall express the hope that our splendid organization so effectively workable will be disturbed as little as possible and ~~you~~ dear women be permitted to continue to shepherd this great flock.

I hope, Miss Dawson, that you are having a restful vacation. Our daughter is with us from Santa Fe, as happy as a lark yet glad to return to her work ~~in Santa Fe~~.

The Ketelles are enroute to Glacier Park in their car.

With loving good wishes

I am Sincerely
(Mrs. H. P.) Harriet V. Carson.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

July 24, 1922.

Memorandum To Miss Voss from Miss Sheibley

Mrs. Bennett wishes us to keep a file of all criticisms that come into us through correspondence on reorganization so that she may have these should any question come up as to the feeling of the constituency regarding the form of reorganization. If you will make extracts of these and send them to the files marked — For the file under comments on reorganization. — Miss Smith or Miss Dakin will see that they are filed in the folder so labeled.

M. B. S.

Assistant Secretary

For the opinion of one woman I will say I think the men have no right to vote our work out of our hands without our approval and a feel great disaster will come to the work unless they greatly modify their plans. I am for [illegible]lification to a certain extent but such drastic high-handed measures will not be borne I feel sure. It is not Presbyterian, and I do not believe the women will stand it. We will "hold steady" for the present.

Mrs. G. E. Reed
Pres. Missionary Society
Carmel, New York

Ans by Miss Dawson

BREWSTER
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10AM
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS.

1922

Mrs M. Katherine Bennett
156 Fifth Ave.
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re Mrs. North

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August 9, 1922.

Miss Florence G.Tyler,
The Onondaga,
Syracuse, New York.

My dear Miss Tyler:

It is splendid to have you serve as scout and get the local reaction to reorganization in Buffalo. Mrs. North was quite disturbed (so I heard) over the action of the General Assembly in regard to reorganization. I wrote her under date of June 1st regarding it — a copy of which I am enclosing. As you know, Mrs. Reys and I mailed out a joint letter on reorganization, enclosing a copy of "Hold Steady". I am also enclosing a copy of the joint letter in this so that you may know exactly what information Mrs. North has had from headquarters.

I do not know how all the rumors get afloat but, when they are once on the waters, they seem to go in every direction. I am sure that all of those connected with the Board in any way have tried to be very careful not to say anything that would disturb or upset the constituency. The selection of the women members on the Boards of Foreign Missions and of National Missions has been left by Dr.Stone's Committee very much in the air, but it is unthinkable to me that fifteen women on the Board of National Missions should be other than those already actively connected with the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

There have been no new developments since you left the office. Dr. Marquis is abroad for his health, taking baths in Germany. Mrs. Bennett and I had a chance at Stony Brook to go over some of the problems of reorganization from the woman's end but other than that I have not talked reorganization with anyone. We all have to do some constructive thinking in the next few weeks so as to be ready with definite plans when we are asked to meet Dr. Stone's Committee. I hope you will be able to see Mrs. North — she is quite a lady to straighten out!

I hope you have a good conference at Geneva. I shall be mightly glad to see you back in New York!

With love,

Yours,

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before - the same women would
would be on the board only with more
powers while with the Home Board it
would be entirely different - There
would be an entirely new lot of women
who know nothing of the work brought
from all on the country at great expense
and as they know Kroth of the work
they would have nothing to say and
the work that the women have worked
years to establish would be swallowed
up by the men and entirely lost
sight of - Now this is the general
idea. I may have exagerated in
spots because the woman I talked to
exagerated being much mought up
Now You and I know that it will

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BY
WOMAN'S BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS

THE ONONDAGA
SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Mrs Dawson:-

I have one more thing
on my mind which I want to write you.
I found in Buffalo in one or two spots a
little misunderstanding and I think
from what I heard that the same mis-
understanding exists in the mind of Mrs.
North. For this reason I thought I would
make it my business to go to see Mrs.
North before I leave Buffalo but before
I go I would like the latest information.
This is the thing I heard - That of
Course with the Foreign Board things
would be carried on much the same as

not see that may - I heard Mrs. Bennett say that she called Dr Stone's attention to the way the women were to be elected if the plan was carried out according to the general wording and he said that was not the idea and it would not be carried out that way - I also heard her say that of course the wording of the plan does not say but that all the local members should be women and all the "at large" men - in other words that it was my understanding.

Now if any thing more has developed along this line will you not let me know also of any other late developments. If Mrs. Bennett is in New York I'd be glad to have her see this but I think she is away otherwise I would rather it would stop at your desk till I can talk with you. If there is any special thing you would like me to put on will you not let me know - I leave Buffalo on the 16th for Geneva Conference and will come directly to New York from there.

Much love to you and I hope its not to hot. We've had a lot of rain but the golf has been fairly good and I much resemble a full blooded indian Squaw

As ever,
Horace G. Ryder.

Melton Manor
Chapin Parkway
Buffalo New York. after today.

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By
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Women's Presbyterial Society for World Missions

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For Correspondence File

Chester, Ill., Aug. 10, 1922.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson
Mrs. Charles K. Roys,
General Secys. B'ds. Home & For. Missions,
New York.

Dear Friends:

Your joint letter of Aug. 1st relative to the promotion of Stewardship in Alton Presbyterial received. We have not voted to assign this work to any Vice-president but each secretary stresses it in her department. Our V. P's are also District Chairmen and have about all they can do. If you wish me to use the literature mentioned in your letter, or later pass it on to anyone specifically appointed, I shall be glad to receive it.

I regret to see the Treasury enter the 2d quarter with a deficit, and Alton Presbyterial must accept her share of this, but I am sending out letters urging the societies to bring up the arrears with their 2d quarter's apportionment and hope we shall do this. The prevailing business depression and industrial troubles are being most keenly felt in this section of the state (So.Ill). We shall have to be patient, persevering and prayerful to meet the strain. Our women feel the action of Assembly in giving them such a small number on the Boards must have time to be "assimilated". In other words, to many of our people and especially to those upon whom the burden rests, it comes as a distinct and disappointing shock that after so many years of faithful cooperation in the upbuilding of the organization to the point of its great efficiency, it should be "swallowed whole" without even Fletcherizing. The Board of National Missions with 25 men and 15 women, the Foreign Board with the same proportion, and the Board of Christian Education with 24 and 12 does not offer great incentive to the women, though let us all pray they accept the challenge. The source and the need are the same.

We shall try to "Hold Steady" and I assure you I am doing all in my power to bring this about but I hope the Boards will not ask for more specific work. Sometimes I feel we are too highly organized now. This letter is not written in a critical sense and I hope you accept it as intended. My sole intention concerning the conditions as they exist is to give them to you that you may know we have our problems as do you at Headquarters in trying to "Hold Steady".

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Max Millie A. Aszmann.

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August 10, 1922.

Mrs. G.E. Reed,
Carmel, New York.

My dear Mrs. Reed;

As Mrs. Bennett is away on her vacation, I am acknowledging your communication to her.

I do not think that the men mean to be "high-handed". Reorganization had been before the church for two years and at the General Assembly which met at Winona, May 1921, Dr. John Timothy Stone, as Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies, reported that in the opinion of the Committee very decided changes should be made and they at that time proposed the consolidation of the four Boards along the line of the report which was accepted by the General Assembly at Des Moines, 1922. The Committee in 1921 asked either to be dismissed or to be empowered to bring in a report along the line they suggested. The Assembly voted in 1921 to continue Dr. Stone's Committee with the understanding that they would bring in a report that would mean radical changes in the Boards.

So, you see this whole matter was before the Boards in the very form that the report proposed for overtodeyparr and we, as women, had a chance to talk with the men of the church about it. I believe that we should feel not that woman's work is taking a lesser place in the church but that women are going into a larger place in the life of the church. On the new Board of National Missions, which is to have forty members, the report provided that fifteen of them should be women. When you consider that the new Board is to combine the work which has in the past been carried on by the Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Board of Church Erection Fund, the Board of Missions for Freedmen, the Sunday School Missions under a Board of Sabbath School Work and the Permanent Committee on Evangelism, I think we must feel that fifteen women out of twenty-five is a generous representation. Women will represent not merely the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, but will be a constituent part of the work of the Board.

I think changes are always hard for us. I know they are for me because I am of the conservative type of woman. I have for a great many years had a joy and pride in our Woman's Boards of Missions, but I do believe that we should view this as a step forward. If we can this year not only hold steady, but press forward, we shall make it the very best year the Woman's Boards have ever had.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

LHD.MR

GENERAL SECRETARY

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The Woman's Boards of Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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April 14, 1923.

To Synodical and Presbyterial Presidents.

Dear Friends:

We feel sure that you are eager to know that reorganization is progressing steadily and that before the meeting of General Assembly in May 1923 the new Board of Foreign Missions and the new Board of National Missions will both have been duly organized. Although the work of the Woman's Boards is being incorporated into the Board of Foreign Missions and into the Board of National Missions, the Woman's Missionary Organization is to be "maintained at its present level of service and to hold to its present standard of responsibility". (Action of General Assembly 1922)

The Committee on Reorganization has stated very definitely that the Woman's Missionary Organization shall continue to have in the future, as it has in the past, a definite financial responsibility for particular pieces of work such as the support of missionaries and stations on the Foreign Field, and schools and hospitals on the Home Field. The Committee on Reorganization has said that it "desires to recognize with special gratitude the spirit of co-operation which the women have shown" and further "to emphasize again the importance of conserving in every way the invaluable and specific work of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the local churches and in synods and presbyteries. All women of the churches are urged to recognize the importance of supporting these societies, in addition to their contributions to the general work".

There must be no slackening of the effort put forth by Presbyterian women. Great pieces of work remain to be completed by the Woman's Missionary Oorganization. The need of the mission field is our paramount interest. Our zeal must not flag because of necessary adjustments at "156." In writing to the women or in presenting the question of budgets before synodical and presbyterial societies and in New Era committees please emphasize the fact that the Woman's Missionary Organization will continue to have its budget for its own work in the future as it has in the past. Reorganization is giving to the women of the churches greater responsibilities. We are confident they will prove worthy of this trust.

Most cordially yours,

President,
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

M. E. B

President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions.

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Woman's Board of Home Missions

of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

May 9, 1923.

To Synodical and Presbyterial
Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries,
and Treasurers

Dear Friends:

I am sure that each of you is thinking much of the reorganization of the Boards and is anxious to know the steps being taken to bring the Board of National Missions into existence.

On Wednesday, May 2nd, Dr. Stone, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization, called together at "156" those who were to constitute this new Board - twenty-five men and fifteen women. That you may know who they are, I am enclosing a separate sheet on which you will find their names.

The new Board was organized by the election of Dr. Joseph A. Vance of Detroit, as President; Mrs. F. S. Bennett, First Vice-President; Mr. Roy Hart of Brooklyn, Second Vice-President, and Dr. John A. Marquis, General Secretary. It was not felt that the Board was prepared to elect other officers at this time and so a Committee on Personnel was appointed and another Committee on By-Laws, after which action was taken asking all the present Boards to "continue their present functions and responsibilities until another meeting of the Board of National Missions to be held the latter part of September". Therefore, there will for the present be absolutely no change in the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Officers and service will continue as heretofore.

Meanwhile the officers and members of the Board of National Missions will be studying the question of the correlation of the various groups; moving thus carefully there should never be a day when the work will suffer because of transition. So far as we are able you shall be kept informed of the various steps being taken, and we look to you to keep the organizations of women and young women steady for this great work intrusted to them in the past and that will continue to be entrusted to them under the Board of National Missions.

With warmest good wishes to you each and all, I am

Faithfully your co-worker,

President.

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My Dear Mrs Bennett

I am going to add a more personal note showing through what stress California Synodical Society of Home Missions has been built up.

Dr Noble, Dr W. R. Gilchrist + Dr L. H. McAfee and others during my term of office advised that the women of California organize a Woman's Home Board for the Coast following the lines of Occidental Board. Telling us it was not justice to ourselves to give so much more for work outside our territory than we expended here, that our Church Board gave to Mens

as my age and deafness precluded any ambition on my part.

I can only pray and trust that out of and in spite of any and every untoward appearance the Home Mission work done by our women of California may be better understood and more carefully and prayerfully considered

Yours in the Masters Service Rosamond B Goddard

Home mission work in California much more than the Churches sent to the Board, Dr McAfee finally told me he was going into Synod and move that California Synod overture General Assembly to dissolve the Woman's Board of Home Mission and that he did but could not get a following to carry it, All these things we met and loyal to the Board faced, worked on and kept friends with the brethren

I met Dr Sanborn recently one of our leading ministers he gave me a hearty greeting then laughingly said do you remember the scoldings we used to give each other and yet we have always been the best of friends. Are we to have any help from the one who represents us on that new Committee? We have women trained by years of service, who could help us for help is still sorely needed. I can speak to you freely on this subject

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832 Lake Street

San Francisco
California
April 19-1923

My Dear Mrs. Bennett

When I first learned of the consolidation of the several Boards to form the National Board of Home Missions I Was somewhat fearful of what the result might be to the Home Mission interests among our Exceptional People who have such a large share of my love and sympathy. I remarked to one of our ministers just home from our last General Assembly that I did not like the 25 to 15 division on the Committee, he answered that we were getting more than we gave, we would have a voice on the College Board and he would like to see 25 men who could carry a proposition through with 15 women objecting. I had hoped that special prayer and care would be exercised in the choice of the women placed on that committee never dreaming that it was a place for figure-heads, nor that one woman to represent California New Mexico and Arizona would or could be chosen without some consultation with those who have given the best part of their lives to building up an interest in the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, a woman with a vision and some knowledge of the work and its demands. Mrs. White is a dear friend of mine a sweet efficient wife and mother brought up an Episcopalion, a Presbyterian Pastor'swife first in Shasta County then in a small Church in San Francisco neither having a Missionary Society then going to the San Rafael Church whose women neve grasped the faintest idea of the work of the Woman's Home Board, they were always glad to entertain our Synodical Society's Quarterly Meetings with the most lavish hospitality but never showed signs of grasping the deeper meaning for which the meeting had been planned, for when the Presbyterian Orphanage was built at San Anselmo at the next meeting of Benicia Presbyterial a delegation was sent to ask that their Home Mission money might be sent to the Orphanage and if not why not for was not that Hom Home Missions, and no amount of explaining quite convinced them of any claim Home Missions could have upon them outside of local interests ; later when Benicia Presbytery came to self-support and the

and the New Era Budget was sent to them, six women from San Rafael Society were sent to their Annual Presbyterial to propose and vote that all of the women's money should be spent in Benicia Presbytery.

Two years ago Benicia Presbyterial held a meeting at San Anselmo Dr. White appeared in the afternoon and asked the privilege of making a request, he began by saying that sometimes there was too much organization and to stop the wheels it might be advisable to throw in in a wrench even though it might be a monkey wrench, he s tated that he had not come of his own volition but as a representative of the Home Mission Committee of Benicia Presbytery of which he was a member, the Presbytery had taken on s. f support and found themselves $500,00 s hort on the Home Mission Budget given them by the New Era Committee, he had discovered that the women of Benicia Presbyterial had been apportioned by the Synodical Society $500;00 to be given toward the building of a Neighborhood House in San Francisco for Christian Social Service, why should Benicia Presbytery be asked to give money to San Francisco? In the name of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery Dr. White asked that that the said $500,00 be given to Home Mission work in Benicia Presbytery under Presbytery's Committee if not the whole amount at least $300,00.

Miss Fraser who was present to explain the why . I never heard any one make a clearer, finer more convincing explanation of the work of the Woman's Board under the direction of General Assembly and our relation to it; when she had finished it Dr. White who had gradually gained the back of the chapel vanished through the door and then Mrs. White arose and among confusion of things said that she could not see why the $500,00 should not be given to the Home Mission Committee of Benicia Presbytery. No action was taken ~~or called~~ or called for. I certainly protest against our Synodical Society being represented by one who knows nothing of our work or its demands and I could get a long list of protestants, not that I love Mrs. White less but that I love the work of Home Missions as given to the women of our Church more. I shall say little about this until I hear why and by whom the appointment was made. I have counseled with no one in this matter. I mentioned the appointment to our dear Mrs. Garratt who is now a shut-in ; she is as grieved as I over the outlook, Mrs Garratt gave I2 years of such work in the Literature Department as no one else has ever given in any other Synodical Society ; she gave room, money, time and prayer and has a right to try ~~to try~~ to guard the interests of Home Missions in this Synodical Society

This page will give you some idea of the work done by our Synodical Society.

California Synodical Society of Home Missions is one of the 39 Synodicals Societies that constitute the Woman's Board of Home Missions, it is credited in the annual Report of I922 with I3239 contributing members whose total gifts are $55,858,02 a per capita giving of $3,42, the remaining 38 Synodicals have 4I3,065 Contributing Members their gifts were $99I,7I5,53 a per capita giving of $2,40, had they given the same per capita they would have added to the funds of the Boardan extra of$42I,326,30.

California Synodical Society covers an areaof 256,720 square miles,the largest in extent of the 39 Societies it equals the area of Maine New Hampshire,Vermont,Mass. New York ,Penn. Conn. Rhode Island,New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio.and Illinois, with I0873 square miles left over. The nearest corresponding Eastern area has eight Synodical Presidents with their Officers to encourage the work, 250,353 contributing members almost touching elbows, they are credited with gifts to the Board of $7I9;I68;53 per capita $2,87 had they reached the per capita giving of California Synodical Society the Woman's Board would have been the richer by $I37,694,I5 wiping out all indebtedness and giving enlargement in so many needy places.

California with its enormous field, remote from the National center having no paid workers gave:

California	per capita	$34	$3,42
New York	" "		$3,I8
New Jersey	" "		$2,96
Ohio	" "		$303
Penn.	" "		$2,63
Ill.	" "		$2,93
Baltimore	" "		$2,97

California, grown through God's blessing on prayer and work, Should not be given into the hands of any except the vitally interested.

with love and best wishes

Rosamond B Goddard

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May 8, 1923.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard
832 Lake Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Goddard:

Your letter of April 19th came while I was in Asheville dedicating the new Home School building known as Florence Stephenson Hall. Immediately after my return there came the reorganization meetings of the Board of National Missions so that there has not been a moment for desk work for two weeks.

You will be interested to know that when the Board of National Missions organized it simply elected the necessary officers to organize and then took action asking the present Boards to continue all their responsibilities as they had carried them for many years until the latter part of September. In the meantime the new Board will be able to prepare By-laws and secure an organization for the carrying on of the work. In this way we feel sure that there will not be any lapse between the work of the present organizations and the work of the new.

I quite appreciate your point of view relative to the membership in the Board of National Missions because I have found throughout the country many women have felt that the women who have been appointed on this Board represented synodical societies in the sections from which they came. I note that you say "I certainly protest against our synodical society being represented by one who knows nothing of our work or its demands". The point is that the women chosen on the new Board of National Missions were not chosen with the idea that they should represent any synodical organization or indeed any phase of the work of Home Missions but that they should represent the Church at large and be prepared to vote on any question relative to any phase of the work. So far as there is a representation of the old Agencies it is as follows: There are on the new Board five women who were members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, six men, I believe, who were members of the Board of Home Missions, two men who were members of the Board of Missions for Freedmen, two who were members of the Board of Church Erection, and, two who were members of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. The rest of the men as well as the rest of the women did not represent any of the Boards that were being consolidated neither were they supporters of any particular interest but were chosen, as I have said before, for the purpose of being representatives of the Church at large. It was my understanding that there was a very general feeling that at least one half of the Board should not be representatives of specific interests. These people have all been definitely chosen with the exception of two or three who were present at the meeting of reorganization last week. It would seem to me as if I must express myself thus, as most unfortunate should any question be raised as to such membership. I am sure that all of us feel that we could suggest changes in personnel but I suppose it would always remain true that forty people could not be chosen that would satisfy everyone. The main thing now is that there shall be presented to the Church a united force of people who are supported in their

endeavors by the constituency of the Church. I can think of nothing more unfortunate than to have California women bring up any question concerning Mrs. White's position on the Board. There is not a synodical president in the membership of the new Board and I think that there is not a presbyterial president, but as I have said before these women were chosen to represent all interests and not specific.

The Board of National Missions will meet only annually. The details of administration are placed in the hands of an Executive Committee of fifteen chosen in andcomparatively near to New York. The five women of this Executive Committee are the five women who were the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

I trust that I have given you the information that you especially desired and I am,

With every cordial good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

MKB:mk

President.

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June 18, 1923.

Mrs. W. T. Scheffer
10 South 10th Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Scheffer:

It is impossible at this time to state what the plans of the new Board of National Missions will be. It is working on its by-laws, plan of organization, policy, etc. I think it is correct to say, however, that the Church felt there was need of simplifying and unifying the approach to the mission field in the home-land. For instance under the old organization the following Boards and Agencies were working for missions in America: The Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Board of Church Erection Fund, the Board of Missions for Freedmen, Sabbath School missionaries of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, and the Committee on Evangelism. As most of these Agencies were working in the same mission fields you can see the difficulties that would frequently arise in clearing the work. The Board of Home Missions paid the salary of the minister, the Church Erection put up the building, the Woman's Board ran the educational work, and the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work had the itinerant Sabbath School missionaries. Under the reorganization plan this will all be unified although the women are to continue to have the support of schools and hospitals and special pieces of work. The General Assembly was very emphatic in its statement that the Woman's Missionary Organization,-synodically, presbyterially and locally,- must be maintained and that it is to continue to carry the responsibilities in the future as it has in the past. This means that the local Woman's Missionary Society will have its budget for its own particular work in the future just as it has in the past.

I hope I have given you the information you desired.

Very sincerely yours,

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General Secretary.

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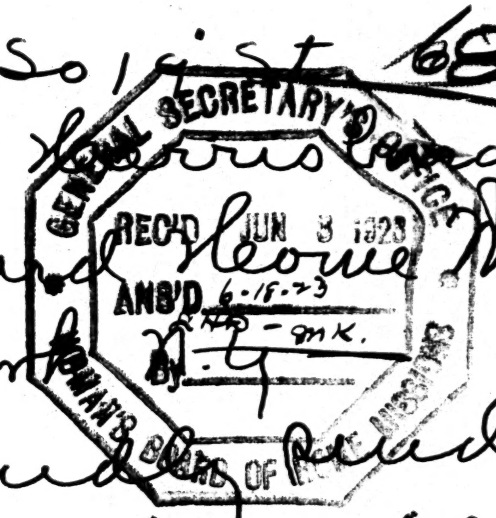

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Will you kindly send me as early as possible material that I can use in presenting the plans of the new Board of National Missions, to make it plain to the women why the step was taken, what the possibilities of a United Board are, etc, other than

the account in the Home Mission Monthly, and what changes will be made in the methods of carrying on the work.

Cordially
Ursula Scheffer
(Mrs. H. T.)

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July 5th, 1923.

Rev. John A Marquis, D.D.
New York City.

Dear Brother Marquis:-

The Ladies' Missionary Society requested of me some time ago to advise them where they could secure material on the "Organization of the American Board".

Consequently I am writing you with a request that you send to me at once any pamphlets that you may have and also reference to any book in which I can secure a full discussion of the subject. Advising me as to the effect of the general reorganization of the Boards upon the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Most cordially yours,

James Herron Miller.

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July 12, 1923.

The Rev. James Herron Miller, D.D.
582 - 17th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Dr. Miller:

Dr. Marquis has passed over your letter with its request for information as to the effect of the general reorganization of the Boards upon the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Dr. Marquis writes that he has already sent you a copy of Dr. Stone's report on Reorganization. From this you will see that the work of the Woman's Missionary Society is to be continued and that to the missionary societies will be assigned for support the schools and hospitals and the special objects committed to them by General Assembly in the past. Enclosed is an extract from this report concerning the Division of Schools and Hospitals. Under the Division of General Promotion there will be a department of promotion for young women's and young people's organizations. You will see from this that the missionary work of the Woman's Missionary Societies is to go on uninterrupted as a certain part of the field is to be assigned to them for support and the department at headquarters is to be the connecting link between them and the field.

If there are any further questions I shall be glad of the privilege of answering them.

Very sincerely yours,

s:mk

Assistant Secretary.

Findings for
N-M. Conference

That great care be taken to conserve and increase the work of the Woman's Missionary Organization heretofore carried on through the Woman's Board of Home Missions in order that the responsibility for the support of the mission field laid upon this organization for the work in the Homeland may be met. We note with satisfaction that not only have the constituency and mission field of this Board held steady during the period of reorganization but that they have gone forward. We recommend that the women be encouraged to support their Division under the Board of National Missions which will be just as definitely assigned to them for support and for which they will be just as truly responsible as they were when it was under the Woman's Board of Home Missions.